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International application No.
PCT/JP03/11673**I. Basis of the report**

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:
 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4).
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):
 - The international application as originally filed/furnished
 - the description:
 pages 4, 5, 7 to 12 (4, 6 to 11, 13 to 22 in the English version), as originally filed/furnished
 pages* 1 to 3 and 6 (1 to 3, 5 to 12 in the English version), received by this Authority on September 17, 2004
 pages* _____, received by this Authority on _____
 - the claims:
 Nos. 5 to 8, as originally filed/furnished
 Nos.* _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 Nos.* 1 to 4, received by this Authority on September 17, 2004
 Nos.* _____, received by this Authority on _____
 - the drawings:
 pages/Figs. 1 to 12, as originally filed/furnished
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 pages/Figs.* _____, received by this Authority on _____
 - a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - the description, pages _____
 - the claims, Nos. _____
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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c))
 - the description, pages _____
 - the claims, Nos. _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1 to 8 Claims	Yes No
Inventive step (IS)	Claims Claims 1 to 8	Yes No
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1 to 8 Claim	Yes No

2. Citations and explanations (PCT Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP 7-108306 A (Nippon Steel Corporation)

25 April, 1995; Claims, Fig.1 and Fig.4

Document 2: JP 7-24712 A (Kabushiki Kaisha Hakko)

27 January, 1995; Par. Nos. [0009] to [0021]; Fig.2

Document 3: JP7-276197 A (Matsumoto Kokan Kabushiki Kaisha)

24 October, 1995; Par. No. [0032], Fig.3

Regarding Claims 1 to 4:

Document 1, newly cited in this Report, describes that the outer peripheral surface of a work is ground by a rotary grindstone and a rotary brush in the mentioned order.

The invention according to the above-described claims is not substantially different from the matters described in Document 1 except that it has mechanism different from that for grinding by the rotary grindstone and the rotary brush in the mentioned order.

However, Document 2 cited in the ISR describes mounting the rotary brush to one side of the rotary grindstone to be rotated along with the rotary grindstone as a mechanism for grinding by the rotary grindstone and the rotary brush in the mentioned order.

Therefore, it would be easy for a person skilled in that art to apply the mechanism described in Document 2 as a mechanism for grinding by the rotary grindstone and the rotary brush in the mentioned order described in Document 1.

Regarding Claims 5 to 8:

Document 1 does not describe clearly a process for making the diameter of a rotary brush large during grinding.

The invention according to the above-described claims is not substantially different from the matters described in Document 1 except that it has, in a sort, a different process for making the diameter of the rotary brush large, other than the matters mentioned in claims 1 to 4.

However, Document 3 cited in the ISR describes a process for making the diameter of the rotary brush large by means of the centrifugal force.

Therefore, it would be easy for a person skilled in the art to apply the process described in Document 3 as a process for making the diameter of the rotary brush described in Document 1 large.